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**COOPERATING FOR
SUSTAINABILITY**

49TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

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THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) holds an annual meeting to discuss regional developments and institutional matters. The meeting attracts over 3,000 participants and offers an ideal platform for major decision makers such as finance and development ministers, central bank governors, private sector and civil society partners, and media to discuss challenges and explore solutions facing Asia and the Pacific.

Frequently Asked Questions

Where and when will the meeting be held?

The Messe Frankfurt in Frankfurt, Germany from 2 to 5 May 2016.

How can I participate?

Requests for accreditation to register should be sent to annualmeeting@adb.org

Where can I stay?

The list of recommended hotels is in the 2016 Annual Meeting website (click on the Hotel and Travel tab) at adb.org/annual-meeting/2016/general-information

What is the working language of the meeting?

English. Interpretation in other languages may be available in some sessions.

Where can I find additional information about the program?

Visit our website at: adb.org/annual-meeting/2016

Events

The 4-day meeting provides an excellent opportunity for networking and developing innovative solutions and new partnerships in a wide range of events.

Official events. These are meetings attended by the ADB Governors covering governance matters and operational directions of ADB.

Host country events. Join the platform for sharing innovative ideas and highlighting practical action for financing sustainable development. Find out what Frankfurt and Germany in general can offer by visiting exhibits and attending side events.

Institutional events. Find out more about ADB's operations, business opportunities, and performance by attending these 1-hour sessions. ADB senior staff will present institutional knowledge products in an open forum.

Networking events. Meet delegates from diverse backgrounds over complimentary lunch or at evening receptions organized by ADB and the host country. Join our networking lunches from 2 to 4 May.

ADB seminar program. Featuring top level panelists from government, private sector, academia, and civil society, the 4-day seminar program provides a vibrant platform to discuss economic, finance, and development issues of current

interest to ADB stakeholders.

Seminar topics include: (i) structural reform for sustained growth; (ii) Asia and Europe linkages on opportunities and potential crisis spillovers; (iii) connectivity, trade, and investment between Asia and Europe; (iv) quality employment and a better workplace; (v) advancing climate compatible development; and (vi) moving toward cities of the future.

Sponsored seminars. ADB engages private sector partners to hold knowledge sharing events, where experts discuss current global issues during lunchtime sessions. These sessions underscore the importance of private sector development in ADB's vision of an Asia and Pacific region free of poverty.

Private sector day. A new feature of the 2016 Annual Meeting, the private sector day will gather financing and other private sector partners for a series of forums and networking opportunities catering specifically to finance and business leaders in Europe and Asia and the Pacific.

Civil society organizations (CSOs) program. CSOs come together for dialogue, knowledge sharing, and networking. They interact with ADB Management; organize Learning with Partners sessions to share innovation and best practices in development work; and hold panel discussions that cover relevant topics related to ADB operations and of interest to CSOs. In Frankfurt, the CSOs program will feature "Youth Speak,"





a global discussion on how the youth can contribute to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Live streaming will be available in selected ADB offices and the ADB headquarters in Manila.

Media. Regional and international media personalities will cover discussions among high-level panelists. An international broadcaster will host a televised debate with the participation of ADB President Nakao and other key delegates.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, host of the 49th Annual Meeting, welcomes policymakers, financial experts, business leaders, civil society representatives, media, and academia from all ADB members.

Under the theme **Cooperating for Sustainability**, the Frankfurt meeting will connect finance and development professionals to exchange ideas and achieve tangible results. Get firsthand experience of

Germany's strategy for sustainable development and harness the potential offered by the largest financial center in continental Europe.

The host country agenda will focus on the following topics:

- (i) renewable energy, energy efficiency, and climate change;
- (ii) sustainable supply chains;
- (iii) vocational training;
- (iv) communal partnerships and urban development; and
- (v) Euro-Asian financial cooperation.

Meeting Schedule (tentative)

	Monday, 2 May	Tuesday, 3 May	Wednesday, 4 May	Thursday, 5 May
Morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Sector Day sessions • CSO meeting with ADB Management • Host Country Events • ADB President's Opening Press Conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB seminars 3 and 4 • CSO panel discussion • Youth Speak 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Business Session • CSO panel discussion • Learning with Partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB seminar 6 • Second Business Session • Learning with Partners • Institutional event 5
Noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsored seminars 1 and 2 • CSO panel discussion • Networking lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsored seminars 3 and 4 • Networking lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsored seminars 5 and 6 • Networking lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsored seminar 7
Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB seminars 1 and 2 • Learning with Partners • Institutional event 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governors' Seminar • Opening Session and cultural event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional events 2, 3, and 4 • ADB seminar 5 • Broadcaster event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 Host Country Event: Yokohama • ADB President's Closing Press Conference
Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADB President's Reception 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host Country Reception 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media Reception 	

A Sustainable Annual Meeting

Since 2013, ADB has made strides towards making the Annual Meeting a sustainable event in close cooperation with the host country. In 2016, initiatives include

- **Events and exhibits:** these will showcase sustainable action, innovative technologies, and best practices.
- **Local produce:** networking lunches will feature local produce—fresh vegetables and seasonal fruits.
- **Reduced carbon footprint:** Annual Meeting participants will receive a pass to use Frankfurt's efficient and reliable public transport system.

The Annual Meeting of ADB's Board of Governors is a sustainable event.



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About the Asian Development Bank

ADB's vision is an Asia and Pacific region free of poverty. Its mission is to help its developing member countries reduce poverty and improve the quality of life of their people. Despite the region's many successes, it remains home to half of the world's extreme poor. ADB is committed to reducing poverty through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration.

Based in Manila, ADB is owned by 67 members, including 48 from the region. Its main instruments for helping its developing member countries are policy dialogue, loans, equity investments, guarantees, grants, and technical assistance.



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